

Machine Gun Range

Herrick Archives Number H 216

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

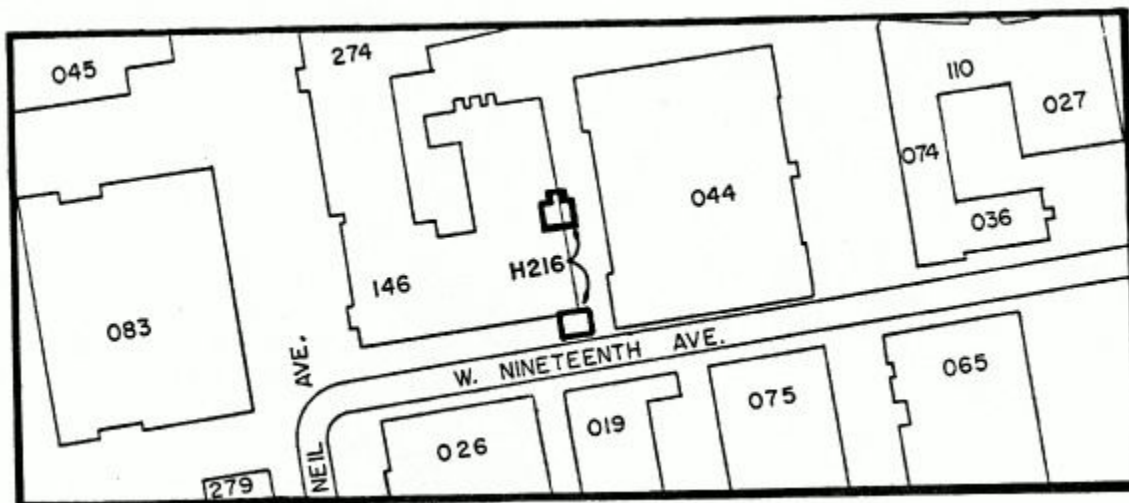
Build as part of facilities for School of Military Aeronautics.

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2. Location

2.1 Located on north side of West Nineteenth Avenue at east edge of present Building 146.

For indexing purposes only, assigned 232 West Nineteenth Avenue as the address. See map below.



3. General Description

This consisted of two small sheds, one housing targets and the other space for firing. No plans have been found.

Photographs suggest wood construction. Original plans called for the enclosure of the space between the two structures, but this was removed in order to reduce the cost after the first bids were received.

See Addendum No. 1

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On 7/3/17 the President and Secretary were instructed by the Board of Trustees to have plans prepared for facilities for the School of Military Aeronautics, including "a machine gun range".

2. The Board of Trustees met with the Emergency Board on 9/4/17 to present their request for funds. Action was deferred

by the Emergency Board until 9/10/17.

3. The Board of Trustees on 9/7/17 directed the Secretary to appear before the Emergency Board on 9/10/17 with a request for the machine gun range at \$1400.

He was further directed, in event of favorable action by the Emergency Board, to request the Governor to waive the requirement for formal bidding.

The President and Secretary were instructed to enter into contracts for construction at once, in event of a favorable response by the Governor.

4. At the 10/2/77 Board of Trustees meeting, it was reported that the Governor had approved the waiving of formal advertising, that plans and specifications had been completed by Joseph N. Bradford, and that bids had been received on 9/24/17 and 10/1/17.

The Board of Trustees then approved the final plans, specifications, and estimates of cost, which had been revised to reduce the cost, and awarded the construction contract to E.H. Lathan at \$596.

5. Date of completion has not been determined, but the final estimate was dated 11/18/17 (A), which would indicate that work was done very promptly.

C. COST

The contract awarded 10/2/17 was for \$596, but the total cost was later reported at \$764.80 (McC4:9A; B)

D. DEMOLITION

No record of demolition has been found, but the building was written off by the Business Office in the year ending 6/30/26 (B). A photograph (X 22749) taken 11/21/26 shows the bare earth where the buildings had been removed. Thus it would appear that they were removed between 6/30/25 and 6/30/26.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

No clear photograph of both buildings has been found, but the north building can be seen in X 7684 over the top of Building 019.

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

No plans for this building have been found. Its shape is shown on some maps and photographs.

John H. Herrick
November 9, 1976

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Photographs X22781 clearly shows that a fence was constructed. It shows clearly the north building but not the south building.

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March 31, 1977

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Photograph X 1241 shows the northeast elevation of the north building, and a brick ammunition storage appendage on the north end. This ammunition storage is approximately 10 ft. x 12 ft. in size. The photograph is dated 1918.

John H. Herrick
June 28, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 3

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

Gun Range

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